

AUTUMN
2021

STUNNING EVENTS



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19 SEPTEMBER–27 OCTOBER 2021

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WELCOME TO THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC'S AUTUMN SEASON

I am delighted to launch the first half of our 2021 autumn events season, as we prepare to welcome external audiences for the first time in 18 months.

This season, experience music in the newly unveiled, state-of-the-art Performance Hall, and see RCM students united with celebrated musicians from around the world for an exciting and wide-ranging programme.

Highlights of the autumn season include the return of masterclasses and a series of orchestral masterworks concerts. Amongst those invited this season are pianist Bernard d'Ascoli, violinist and RCM graduate Francesca Dego, and members of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe. Under the direction of internationally renowned conductor Martyn Brabbins, the RCM Philharmonic performs some of Wagner's most memorable and thrilling moments, including excerpts from his *Ring Cycle*. Another concert in this series brings a touch of Hollywood magic, as the RCM Philharmonic presents works from Disney, *Harry Potter* and *Game of Thrones*. The first public performances in the new RCM Museum will also take place following its significant redevelopment, with music from our Chamber Series inaugurating the performance spaces.

As we welcome back live audiences, early events will operate at a reduced capacity to allow for extra space between seats and rows, ensuring that our audiences feel as safe and comfortable as possible.

Stephen Johns, Artistic Director

Keeping you safe

Our autumn season performances will be ticketed with socially distanced seating, to ensure a safe and comfortable visit for you. You can read more about our safety measures at www.rcm.ac.uk/visit/safety

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

CONDUCTORS' PODIUM

3pm | Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall

Ondřej Soukup conductor

John Paul Jennings conductor

Beethoven Symphony no 4 in B flat major
op 60

Beethoven Symphony no 7 in A major op 92

A symphonic afternoon of Beethoven,
conducted by two RCM students.

Tickets: Free, but required

MASTERCLASS

TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

VIOLIN MASTERCLASS WITH FRANCESCA DEGO

6pm | Performance Hall

Acclaimed violinist and RCM alumna
Francesca Dego works with RCM musicians
in this evening's masterclass.

Tickets: Free, but required

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WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

RCM STRING ORCHESTRA

6pm | Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall

Ruth Rogers director and solo violin

RCM String Orchestra

Dvořák Serenade for Strings in E major op 22
Coleridge-Taylor (arr George Morton)
African Dances

This concert proves a thoroughly European
affair, as the RCM String Orchestra brings
pieces by British and Czech composers to life.

Tickets: Free, but required

THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

RCM WIND ORCHESTRA

6pm | Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall

Natalia Luis-Bassa conductor
RCM Wind Orchestra

Programme to include:

Kimberly Archer Fanfare Politeia

Kevin Day Dancing Fire

Ravel (arr Jerry Brubaker) Pavane pour une
infante défunte

Rimsky-Korsakov (arr Simon Rennard) Song of
the Indian Guest

Arturo Márquez (arr Oliver Nickel)
Danzón no 2

Fit for a President, Kimberly Archer's
Fanfare was first performed for Joe Biden's
inauguration, and suitably sets the scene for this
RCM Wind Orchestra concert.

Tickets: £5

MASTERCLASS

TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

MASTERCLASSES WITH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF EUROPE

**Chamber Music Masterclass with
Mats Zetterqvist**

6pm | Performance Hall

**Clarinet Masterclass with
Romain Guyot**

6pm | Recital Hall

Brass Masterclass

6pm | Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall

As part of our series of events featuring
members of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe,
RCM musicians work closely with talented
professionals in these masterclasses.

Tickets: £10

LECTURE

THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

MUSIC AND IDEAS: MIGRATION, EXILE AND MUSIC 'OUT OF PLACE'

5.15pm | Performance Hall

Drawing on music by Mátyás Seiber, Karl Rankl and other émigré composers who fled from Germany and Austria in the 1930s, Norbert Meyn and pianist Christopher Gould invite us to consider how migration shapes music.

Tickets: Free, but required

THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF EUROPE

6pm | Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall

Mats Zetterqvist director/leader

Romain Guyot clarinet

RCM Chamber Orchestra

Schumann Symphony no 3

We're delighted to welcome back musicians from the Chamber Orchestra of Europe for a week-long residency.

Tickets: £5



OCTOBER

MASTERCLASS

FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER

VIOLIN MASTERCLASS WITH ESZTER HAFFNER

2pm | Performance Hall

Renowned violinist Eszter Haffner joins RCM musicians in a productive masterclass performing classic repertoire.

Tickets: Free, but required

MASTERCLASS

FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER

DOUBLE BASS MASTERCLASS WITH ALBERTO BOCINI

2pm | East Parry Room

The RCM welcomes back double bassist Alberto Bocini for a masterclass with talented young string players.

Tickets: Free, but required

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TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER

RCM CHAMBER MUSIC

1.05pm | Performance Studio

Venture into our new Performance Studio for a performance featuring varied works of chamber music.

Tickets: Free, but required

MASTERCLASS

TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER

FLUTE MASTERCLASS WITH ADAM WALKER

6pm | Performance Hall

Adam Walker was appointed principal flute of the London Symphony Orchestra at the age of 21, and has been an RCM professor since 2017. In this masterclass, he works closely with talented RCM musicians.

Tickets: Free, but required

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WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER

RCM CHAMBER MUSIC

1.05pm | Performance Hall

RCM musicians take to the stage in our new Performance Hall, with programming that reflects their considerable talent.

Tickets: Free, but required

WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER

STRINGS SHOWCASE

6pm | Britten Theatre

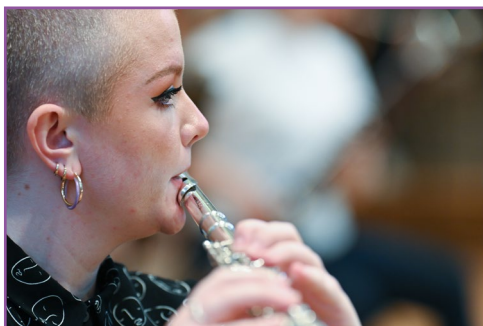
RCM Strings Faculty

Olli Mustonen Nonet no 2

Schubert Piano Trio no 1 in B flat D 898

Violinist Haim Choi leads the RCM String Faculty in a performance featuring postmodern composer Olli Mustonen's high-spirited Nonet no 2. Alongside this, RCM musicians perform one of Schubert's final compositions, his revered piano trio.

Tickets: Free, but required



THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER

ORCHESTRAL MASTERWORKS

6pm | Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall

Martyn Brabbins conductor

John Paul Jennings conductor*

Ondřej Soukup conductor**

Gemma Riley trombone

RCM Philharmonic

Wagner Siegfried's Rhine Journey from
Götterdämmerung

Wagner Overture from Die Meistersinger
von Nürnberg

Wagner Ride of the Valkyries from
Die Walküre

Augusta Holmes La nuit et l'amour*

Grondahl Trombone Concerto**

In this autumnal concert, the RCM Philharmonic will perform some of the most memorable and thrilling excerpts from Wagner's operas.

Tickets: £8, £5

**(Orchestral Masterworks Series Discounts:
20% off when buying tickets to 2 concerts.)**

THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER

RCM CHAMBER MUSIC

6pm | Performance Hall

Enjoy a rush-hour chamber concert in our newly built Performance Hall.

Tickets: Free, but required

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FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER

ORGAN INTERLUDES

11am | Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall

The first concert in a bite-sized organ series, performed on our Flentrop Orgelbouw organ.

Tickets: Free, but required

MASTERCLASS

FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER

PIANO MASTERCLASS WITH BERNARD D'ASCOLI

2pm | Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall

The RCM is delighted to welcome back accomplished pianist Bernard d'Ascoli as he presents his personal insights during this afternoon masterclass.

Tickets: Free, but required

Belle Shenkman International Masterclass

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER

GREAT EXHIBITION ROAD FESTIVAL: BEGINNER BRASS BUZZ!

10am | Various

Are you a beginner brass player or interested in learning a brass instrument? Come and join the Royal College of Music and Brass Band England for an exciting hour of discovery and performance!

Age suitability: 6–11 years old.

Tickets: Free, via Eventbrite

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER

GREAT EXHIBITION ROAD FESTIVAL: YOUTH BAND BLOW!

11.30am | Various

An exciting set of workshops and performances to inspire the budding youth band brass musician looking to take their playing to the next level. Led by leading lights in the brass world from the Royal College of Music and Brass Band England.

Age suitability: children already learning a brass instrument.

Tickets: Free, via Eventbrite

FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER

RCM CHAMBER MUSIC

12.30pm | RCM Museum

RCM musicians fill our brand new Museum space with music this season, as part of our intimate series of chamber concerts. Visit us to enjoy polished performances amongst a beautiful collection of historic artifacts and instruments.

Tickets: Free, but required

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER

GREAT EXHIBITION ROAD FESTIVAL: CONTEST BAND EXTRAVAGANZA!

2.30pm | Various

Come and listen to the bands, be inspired by their big sound, dextrous agility and tight ensemble. This final session of the day will include the opportunity to take part in a BBE band leaders' training session to discover more about learning pathways for band organisations.

(Participants in sessions 1 & 2 access this final session to watch the band performances and join in!)

Age suitability: All ages.

Tickets: Free, via Eventbrite

MONDAY 11 OCTOBER

RCM CHAMBER MUSIC

1.05pm | Performance Hall

Enjoy a lunch-hour chamber concert with RCM musicians in our newly opened Performance Hall.

Tickets: Free, but required

MASTERCLASS

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER

HARP MASTERCLASS WITH GWYNETH WENTINK

11am | East Parry Room

As a harpist both classical and experimental, Gwyneth Wentink has performed at the world's most prestigious venues. In this masterclass, she returns to the College to help young musicians with phrasing, technique and musical expression.

Tickets: Free, but required

SCHOOLS

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER

RCM SPARKS CONCERT FOR SCHOOLS:

RCM JAZZ ORCHESTRA

11.30am & 1.15pm | Britten Theatre

Mark Armstrong director

RCM Jazz Orchestra

The RCM Jazz Orchestra performs some catchy jazz standards for schoolchildren in this autumnal Sparks concert.

Tickets: Free, but required

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER

RCM CHAMBER MUSIC

1.05pm | Performance Studio

RCM musicians give an intimate chamber performance in our new Performance Studio.

Tickets: Free, but required

MASTERCLASS

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER

HARPSICHORD MASTERCLASS WITH JULIAN PERKINS

6pm | Performance Studio

Julian Perkins is Artistic Director of Cambridge Handel Opera and Sounds Baroque, and performs regularly at international festivals. He visits the College for a harpsichord masterclass featuring talented RCM musicians.

Tickets: Free, but required

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MASTERCLASS

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER

CELLO MASTERCLASS WITH GEMMA ROSEFIELD

6pm | East Parry Room

Gemma Rosefield takes an evening masterclass with talented cellists at the RCM.

Tickets: Free, but required

WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER

RCM CHAMBER MUSIC

6pm | Performance Studio

Our chamber music series continues with a rush-hour concert in the newly built Performance Studio.

Tickets: Free, but required

WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER

RCM JAZZ ORCHESTRA

7.30pm | Britten Theatre

Mark Armstrong director
Zoe Rahman guest pianist
RCM Jazz Orchestra

Mary Lou Williams (arr Laura Jurd)
Zodiac Suite
Zoe Rahman selected works

Here's a chance to hear the music of one of jazz's great female pianists, Mary Lou Williams. In the second half our guest soloist Zoe Rahman performs her own compositions reflecting her classical background and British and Bengali heritage.

Tickets: £10

In memory of Mary Cosgrave

LECTURE

THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER

MUSIC AND IDEAS: A LONG-LOST TREASURE UNCOVERED

5.15pm | Performance Hall

A long-lost treasure uncovered: exploring the RCM's manuscript of Robert Cambert's 'Ariane, ou le mariage de Bacchus' with historical oboist Andrés Villalobos.

Tickets: Free, but required

THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER

ORCHESTRAL MASTERWORKS

6pm | Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall

Ben Palmer conductor
RCM Philharmonic

Dukas The Sorcerer's Apprentice
John Williams Selections from Harry Potter Suites
Ramin Djwadi (arr Ben Palmer) Game of Thrones Suite

A thrilling rush-hour concert full of orchestral magic in this film music gala.

Tickets: £8, £5
(Orchestral Masterworks Series Discounts:
20% off when buying tickets to 2 concerts.)



FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER
RCM CHAMBER MUSIC
12.30pm | RCM Museum

RCM musicians bring our brand-new Museum space to life with a series of intimate chamber performances. Why not stay on to explore the Museum's collection?

Tickets: Free, but required

FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER
GREAT EXHIBITION ROAD
FESTIVAL: RCM CHAMBER
CONCERT

6pm | Britten Theatre

Cheryl Frances-Hoad Cloud Movements
Jasmine Morris New work (world premiere)
Takemitsu Between Tides
John Luther Adams The Wind in High Places

The Great Exhibition Road Festival's celebration of our planet continues with this chamber concert reflecting the environment we live in.

Tickets: Free, via Eventbrite

FAMILY CONCERT

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER
RCM SPARKS: ORCHESTRAL
MASTERWORKS FAMILY
CONCERT

11am | Amaryllys Fleming Concert Hall

Alvin Arumugam conductor
Daniel Hogan conductor
RCM Philharmonic

John Williams Selections from Harry Potter Suites

Bring some popcorn and don't forget the kids for this family concert featuring the greatest wizard of all time, Harry Potter.

Tickets: £8 (adult), £4 (child)

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER
HARP, GUITAR AND DOUBLE
BASS FESTIVAL

12pm | Various

The RCM presents some of the finest players on the guitar, harp and double bass scene in a one-day festival of concerts, drop-in coaching sessions, pop-up performances, masterclasses and talks.

Tickets: Free, but required

MASTERCLASS

FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER
VIOLA MASTERCLASS
WITH NORA ROMANOFF-
SCHWARZBERG

2pm | East Parry Room

Violist Nora Romanoff-Schwarzberg is recognised as a musician with captivating charisma. She visits the RCM to impart practical wisdom to young violists.

Tickets: Free, but required

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MONDAY 18 OCTOBER
CHAMBER MUSIC MASTERCLASS
WITH THE PAVEL HAAS QUARTET

6pm | Performance Hall

The Pavel Haas Quartet has established itself as one of the world's most exciting contemporary chamber ensembles. Peter Jarůšek and Luosha Fang from the quartet visit the RCM to work with groups of aspiring chamber musicians in this autumn masterclass.

Tickets: Free, but required

TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER

RCM CHAMBER MUSIC

1.05pm | Performance Studio

Enjoy a programme of lunchtime chamber music in our newly opened Performance Studio.

Tickets: Free, but required

TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER

CHAMBER JAZZ

7.30pm | Britten Theatre

RCM Chamber Ensembles

Programme to include:

Corea Trio for flute, bassoon and piano

Schuller Suite for Wind Quintet

Jack Marks New work (world premiere)

Errollyn Wallen *Beehive*

Joseph Horowitz Jazz Harpsichord Concerto

Join us for an evening of jazz, featuring the powerful gospel sounds of Errollyn Wallen's *Beehive* and Joseph Horowitz's unique Harpsichord Concerto.

Tickets: £5

FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER

ORGAN INTERLUDES

11am | Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall

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Tickets: Free, but required

MASTERCLASS

FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER

VIOLIN MASTERCLASS WITH ALINA IBRAGIMOVA

2pm | East Parry Room

Alina Ibragimova returns to the RCM to guide student violinists in a fascinating masterclass.

Tickets: Free, but required

FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER

JUNIOR FELLOW SHOWCASE

6pm | Britten Theatre

Ana Dunne-Sequi viola

Carne Trust Junior Fellow for 2021/22

Ana Dunne-Sequi has selected a programme of chamber works, which she performs in, for the first concert in our Junior Fellow Showcase series.

Tickets: Free, but required

MONDAY 25 OCTOBER

RCM CHAMBER MUSIC

1.05pm | Performance Studio

Music for your lunch break – enjoy a chamber concert in our new, intimate Performance Studio.

Tickets: Free, but required

MONDAY 25 OCTOBER

MEDTNER FAIRYTALES

2pm | Performance Hall

Originally planned for 2020, the 140th anniversary of his birth, this concert is a celebration of Nikolay Medtner's jubilee year featuring performances of all his 38 fairytales.

Tickets: £5

TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER

JUNIOR FELLOW SHOWCASE

1.05pm & 6pm | Performance Hall

Magdalena Krstevska clarinet

Our Junior Fellow Showcase series continues with the Mills Williams Junior Fellow for 2021/22, Magdalena Krstevska, who performs in a varied selection of chamber works by Ruth Gipps.

Tickets: Free, but required

WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER

RCM CHAMBER MUSIC

1.05pm | Performance Studio

Enjoy the intimate feel of the RCM's Performance Studio, as chamber musicians perform diverse musical works in the new space.

Tickets: Free, but required

WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER

CHAMBER ESSENTIALS: THE TRIO

6pm | Performance Hall

Programme to include:

R Clarke Piano Trio

Ravel Piano Trio in A minor

The RCM Chamber Essentials series explores well-known works alongside those by composers from under-represented backgrounds. RCM musicians present Rebecca Clarke's 1921 masterpiece, written in response to the First World War, alongside Ravel.

Tickets: £5

MASTERCLASS

WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER

VIOLIN MASTERCLASS WITH DAVID PARK

5.30pm | Performance Studio

David Park makes his first visit to the RCM to work with gifted violinists. David, who has appeared as a soloist with orchestras throughout the world, is Assistant Concertmaster of the Utah Symphony and an Adjunct Professor of Music at the University of Utah.

Tickets: Free, but required

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HOW TO BOOK

ONLINE

Visit **www.rcm.ac.uk/explore**

Please note, there is a £1.95 booking fee per transaction for online bookings.

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BOOKING OPENS FOR THE AUTUMN SEASON

on Wednesday 1 September. RCM Friends and supporters at Core Contributor level and above have priority booking from Wednesday 25 August.

For more information on booking tickets, terms and conditions please visit **www.rcm.ac.uk/ticketing**

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⊖ Gloucester Road: 0.6 miles

⊖ High Street Kensington: 0.8 miles

BY RAIL

➤ Paddington: 1.5 miles

➤ Victoria: 2 miles

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ACCESS

The RCM has the facility to accommodate wheelchair users and visitors with guide and companion dogs in our main events venues: the Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall and the Britten Theatre. Events held in other venues are often accessible too.

Please contact the Box Office in advance if you require step-free access or assistance to access a venue for public performance.

Unfortunately we are unable to offer wheelchair spaces for sale online. If you wish to book one of our dedicated wheelchair spaces in our main venues, please contact the Box Office.

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